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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TOLL INCREASE: NEGATIVE PERUVIAN
REACTION

REFS: STATE 148207, 136463, LIMA 5064

1. EMBASSY ADVISED FOREIGN MINISTRY OF PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVE STARTING TIME OF NEW PANAMA CANAL RATES AND IS TRANSMITTING TEXT OF LETTER OF DR. SEDWITZ TO MINISTRY. MINISTRY OFFICIAL EXPRESSED REGRET THAT USG HAD DECIDED TO INCREASE RATES WHICH HE QUALIFIED AS "BAD NEWS FOR PERU." EMBASSY OFFICER STRESSED THAT USG HAD CONCLUDED THAT INCREASE WOULD HAVE MINIMAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON AFFECTED COUNTRIES BUT OFFICIAL REMAINED UNASSUAGED.

2. COMMENT: PERU, AS IN OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING ITS PERCEIVED ECONOMIC INTEREST, TENDS TO REACT AGAINST SUCH DEVELOPMENTS, AND ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL'S PIQUE MAY ONLY BE PERSONAL IN NATURE, IT POSSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY ASK US FOR FURTHER JUSTIFICATION. IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED SHOULD THIS OCCUR, AND
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FOR OUR GENERAL EDIFICATION, EMBASSY WONDERS IF DEPARTMENT

COULD FURNISH US WITH SHORT SUMMARY OF REVIEW'S FINDINGS AS TO WHAT PRECISELY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PERU (AND POSSIBLY OTHER LATIN COUNTRIES) MAY BE. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL (LIMA 2427) THAT OUR OWN CALCULATIONS LED US TO CONCLUDE THAT ESTIMATED TOLL INCREASE WOULD AUGMENT IMPORT COSTS TO PERU BY 0.2 PERCENT.
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